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## Eleven Negro Nurses Awarded Diplomas At Grady Hospital

Eleven students of the Municipal Training school for colored nurses of Grady hospital's Emory unit, received diplomas Tuesday night at the graduating exercises in the hospital.

The commencement address was delivered by Thomas Jefferson Flanagan, local negro poet. Dr. J. L. Campbell presented the diplomas and Dr. R. A. Bartholomew presented class pins.

Rev. T. R. Kendall, hospital chaplain, offered the invocation and benediction at the exercises which were featured by the singing of negro spirituals and class songs.

The graduates were: Artie Mae Willis, Waco; Mollie Luvenia Gamble, Dublin; Mary Lynn Ponder, Atlanta; Robbie Loraine McAfee, Rome; Uramia Catherine Cheatham, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Olivia Louise Hutchenson, Newnan; Annie Mae Theresa Fridge, Meridian, Miss.; Bessie Lee Jones, Macon; Dorris Priscilla Gray, Atlanta; Edith Inez Sarle, East Point; Annie Laura Bentley, Yatesville.

## Negro Nurses' Home Seeks Fund of \$5,000

Fulton County Commissioners are to be asked for a \$5,000 appropriation by City Council to remodel and improve the Negro Nurses' Home at Grady Hospital. The commission is scheduled to receive the request at its meeting Wednesday afternoon.

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## Public Health Work.

METHODIST missionary women of Georgia voted funds two years ago for the employment of a colored public health nurse by the state Board of Health, with the idea of calling attention to a neglected need and demonstrating an effective way of meeting it, in the hope that if the demonstration were successful the state would take over the work and make it permanent. The result is a conspicuous success; the Board will not consider doing without the service of such a nurse in the future. In the past year she has given intensive service in thirty-two counties, visited 785 homes, spoken to 82 groups aggregating more than 3,000 people, instructed several hundred midwives, and greatly facilitated other work of the Board on behalf of the colored population. Dr. Joe P. Bowdoin, of the Georgia state Board of Health, in reporting on her success, calls attention to the fact that infant mortality has been reduced 48 per cent in three years in the Macon district where intensive educational work has been carried on.

### URBAN LEAGUE WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dr. I. S. Whipper, of Washington, D. C., has been sent by the state board of health and the United States government to instruct the midwives of the state and talk to the colored women on the "Care of Children and other health problems of women." Classes in midwifery are being formed in four sections of Atlanta. The class at the Neighborhood Union clubhouse, 356 Fraser street, was so large that it had to be divided. Dr. Whipper will speak to the women at the following churches on the days scheduled at 2 p. m. sharp:

Zion Hill church (Pittsburg), Tuesday, March 24, at 2 p. m.

Cosmopolitan church, Wednesday, March 25, at 2 p. m.

Mt. Olive church, Friday, March 27, at 2 p. m.

Beulah Baptist church, Tuesday, March 31, at 2 p. m.

In connection with this work a free prenatal and postnatal clinic has been started at the Episcopal church parish house (Fort and Auburn avenue), under the auspices of the social service department of the church.

The medical staff is composed of the following physicians: Drs. G. R. Dwelle, Thomas H. Slater, H. R. Butler, E. G. Bowden, John W. Burney and H. M. Holmes. Each case will be given special attention with follow-up work by the nurse in charge.

In addition to the professional care, the women will be taught to make the baby's layette and an obstetrical package by the nurse and the committee. Good health talks will be given at each clinic.

Clinic days are as follows: Mondays, 2 to 3 p. m., Drs. Bowden and Burney; Wednesdays, 2 to 5 p. m., Drs. Slater and Butler; Fridays, 2 to 3 p. m., Drs. Bowden, Holmes, Maggie M. Jones, prenatal nurse.

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## COLORED NURSE IS DOING GREAT WORK AMONG HER PEOPLE

### Another Evidence of Great Work Done Here Through Com- munity Chest

One of the greatest agencies for community work in Rome during the past year is that of the colored public health nurse. This work is done by a graduate trained nurse, Lila Lay, and in the nine months she has been working, conditions have been greatly improved among the colored people of Rome.

A. H. Faby, who with Dr. John H. Wood, has been interested in this work, writes most interestingly of the work of the nurse. She was provided for by a public subscription of \$500 by the colored people and \$250 from the Community Chest. The letter showing another benefit derived by Rome from the Community Chest is as follows:

"I want to write you a few lines with reference to the colored nurse's work which has been carried on for the last nine months by the subscription for \$500 made by the colored people of Rome, supplemented by \$250 raised for them in the Community Chest.

"This money is being used in employing a full time visiting nurse

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to go into the homes of the colored people of Rome, nursing and teaching them better sanitary methods. Within nine months she has made considerably over one thousand visits and reports treating and caring for patients confined with grip pneumonia, tuberculosis, typhoid fever, rheumatism, influenza and dropsy. In addition to this she has reported a considerable number of cases in helping mothers with young babies.

"Sanitary conditions in the last report given are very much improved in some wards, leaving a great deal to be desired in others.

"She is advising all mothers to have their children vaccinated before entering school and is no doubt looking after the welfare of the colored population of Rome in a splendid way.

"I think this is one of the greatest steps forward we have made in Rome in some time and feel sure that if it is kept up the health conditions of the colored people of Rome will be greatly improved.

"Dr. J. H. Wood and myself are in touch with the nurse, Lila Lay, who is a middle-aged woman and a graduate trained nurse. She is well liked by the entire colored population and think it is most fortunate we are able to have her services in this work.

"With kindest regards, I am."

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## PLAN FOR ANOTHER YEAR FOR COLORED NURSE FOR ROME

The monthly report of Lila A. Lee colored district nurse, shows that a total of 91 visits were made during the past month, including 21 visits to sick people. Other visits were to new babies, and to homes where children were who were not attending school. Sanitary conditions are reported in the summary as being improved in each section of the city.

With a view of continuing this week Dr. E. W. Weaver has called a meeting of all interested for Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Broad street Metropolitan church. He asks that all teachers, ministers,



## Eighteenth Annual Convention of Graduate Nurses

The eighteenth annual convention of National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses was held at Ebenezer church, Rev. Scott Bartewt pastor, Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 18-22. This session was indeed one of the best on record. Questions that were pending for some time were discussed and settled. A "Student Aid Fund" was started and is to be maintained by an assessment of \$1.00 per year from each member. Its object is to aid some worthy girl or woman in preparing herself in the highest field of service in the nursing world, the course chosen by the individual. This is a most worthy cause, something tangible being done and should certainly be well supported by each member of the association. Preparedness is the slogan of today. The welcome addresses given were indeed hearty and profuse. The Mayor of the city, Hon. Alsop, welcomed the association and spoke in glowing terms of the race. It is said that this gathering will go on record as being the first of our race to be graced with the presence of the Mayor. The welcome address in behalf of the local Association of Graduate Nurses by Mrs. J. R. Scott, R. N.; the address in behalf of medical association by Dr. C. V. Freeman; the address in behalf of Women's Federated Clubs by Mrs. S. G. Baker, were all filled with heartfelt expressions of welcome. The address in behalf of the woman's fraternal organization by Mrs. A. L. Anderson was indeed a masterpiece. They were responded to in a scholarly manner by Mrs. H. M. Bright, R. N., of Prairie View, Texas. Those on the program did justice to the occasion. The sight seeing trip and the outing to Manhattan Beach given by the Medical Association, the banquet given by Nurses Association and the picnic at Florida Normal and Industrial Institute, St. Augustine, Fla., sponsored by the citizen of St. Augustine, were enjoyed. The local committee deserves credit for the splendid program they so Harris, R. N., president of the local association; Mrs. E. B. Littlejohn, R. N., chairman.

Newly elected officers: President, Miss Petra Pinn, R. N., Fla.; 1st vice, Miss Carrie Bullock, Ill.; 2nd vice, Mrs. Frasier, Fla.; Rec. Secty., Mrs. J. V. Reid, Fla.; Cor. Secty., Miss Willa Mack, Kans.; Financial Secty., Mrs. A. B. King, Va.; Treasurer, A. A. Nelson, S. C. Installation of officers by Rev. Clair, Jacksonville, Fla. Adjourned to meet Aug. 1926, at Philadelphia, Pa.

# The National Association of Graduate Nurses Close Epoch Making Session In Jacksonville

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MISS PETRIA PINN, R. N., of West Palm Beach, Fla., re-elected president of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses at its recent annual session.



MRS. M. B. KELLEY LEE, R. N., of this city, journalist of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

By MRS. B. M. KELLEY LEE

The 18th annual convention of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses was held at Ebenezer Church, Rev. Scott Bartewt, pastor, Jacksonville, Fla., August 18-22. This session was voted one of the best on record for the association. Matters pending for some time were discussed and settled. Chief among these was the student aid fund which was started and is to be maintained by assessment of \$1.00 a year for each member. The object of this fund is to aid some worthy girl in preparing herself for the highest field of service in the nursing profession, the course to be chosen by the individual. This is regarded as something very worthy and tangible and commends itself for the support of each member of the organization. "Preparedness" is the slogan of the day, and the nurses' organization is cognizant of this fact. The foregoing was the special business of Tuesday morning's session, preceded by the executive

session, registration of members, payment of dues, song, invocation, roll call, minutes of previous meeting, report of committees and music by the Brewster Hospital alumni.

## PUBLIC MEETING

The first public meeting was held in the magnificent edifice of Bethel Baptist Institutional Church, Rev. J. E. Ford, pastor. The mayor of the city, Hon. Mr. Alsop, delivered the welcome address and spoke in glowing terms of the race's achievements. This gathering had the distinction of being the first of the Nurses' Association to be honored with the presence of a Mayor. The address of welcome on behalf of the local association of graduate nurses was delivered by Mrs. J. R. Scott, R. N.; the address on behalf of the medical association of Jacksonville was delivered by Dr. C. V. Freeman and on behalf of the Women's Federated clubs by Mrs. S. G. Baker. All of the addresses were fraught with sincere expression of welcome as was the address on behalf of the fraternal associations by Mrs. A. L. Anderson, which was voted a masterpiece. Mrs. H. M. Bright, of Prairie View, Texas responded in a scholarly manner. The president's annual address by Miss Petra Pinn, of Palm Beach, Fla., was full of instructions and resolutions for the betterment of the association and an urgent appeal was made for greater cooperation and more interest in the affairs of the organization.

The address of Mrs. Laura Reid, R. N., director of Bureau of Child Welfare and Public Health Nursing was practical and very interesting. The paper, "Child Welfare and Midwifery," by Mrs. Estelle E. Bonner, R. N., and the paper on "Home Nursing and Care of the Sick," by Miss H. H. Middleton, R. N., were instructive. Music by the Brewster Hospital Alumni interspersed and concluded the morning session of August 19.

The well-prepared address on "Venereal Disease and its Effects on Children," by Dr. I. E. Williams, of Jacksonville, and the address on "X-Ray and Nervous Diseases," by Dr. William Neale Frayser, of Macon, Ga.; paper, "Hospital Management," by Mrs. Millie E. Hale, R. N., superintendent of M. E. Hale Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.; paper, "The Training School—Its responsibility to the Hospital," by Miss Bertha E. Dean, R. N., superintendent Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville, interspersed with vocal solos by Mrs. Lucinda Randall,

Jacksonville, formed the program for August 20, which was highly enjoyed.

## Sightseeing Trip

The sightseeing trip and outing to Manhattan Beach given by the local medical association in automobiles of the best make for several miles, thence to the ocean where there was a beach most beautiful to behold was a pleasant event. Bathing in surf was indulged in and a hot fish dinner and cold drinks were served.

The banquet given by the local nurses association in the spacious auditorium of the K. of P. Building, which was beautifully decorated with the association colors, flowers and ferns and palms such as only Florida can produce, accompanied by music that would tempt a person to lay down his book for a while, was a charming affair. Men and women of grace, refinement and culture from every State in the Union, and arrayed in gorgeous apparel indulged in the terpsichorean art. The music was interspersed by the serving of punch and a repast that was toothsome and pleasing.

At 12:30 o'clock the strains of the music were heard in the tune of "Home, Sweet Home." The picnic to Florida Normal and Industrial Institute, St. Augustine, led by Dr. Leon J. Reid, was educational as well as a social treat. Many places of historical interest were visited. The visitors drank from the "Fountain of Youth," and left looking and feeling younger than before, especially after being so royally entertained at the institute.

This report would be incomplete without mention of the splendid health motion picture "Does It Pay," and the many wholesale houses which so kindly donated samples to be given to the delegates and health literature to be given to the public.

Special mention is made and great credit accorded the local committee for the splendid program they so successfully put over. Miss Bessie Havens, R. N., president of the local association; Mrs. Pearl Crawford was chairman of the program committee, while Mrs. E. B. Littlejohn, R. N., was chairman of the entertainment committee and Miss Annie Bowman, R. N., chairman of the housing committee.

## Newly Elected Officers

The newly elected officers of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses are: President, Miss Petra Pinn, R. N., West Palm Beach, Fla.; first vice president,

Miss Carrie Bullock, Chicago, R. N.; second vice president, Mrs. W. Frasier, R. N., Washington, D. C.; recording secretary, Miss Willa Mack, R. N., Kansas City, Mo.; financial secretary, Mrs. A. B. King, R. N., Norfolk, Va.; treasurer, Miss A. A. Nelson, R. N., Columbia, S. C. These officers were installed by Rev. Mr. Clair, of Jacksonville. Philadelphia, Pa., was chosen as the place of meeting of the 1926 convention. Mrs. M. B. Kelley Lee, R. N., of Norfolk, is journalist of the association.



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New York.

**ALL GRADUATES COLORED**

New York City, May 1925.—For the first time in this city, an entire class of colored nurses numbering 35 was awarded diplomas at the graduating exercises of the Harlem Hospital School for Nurses.

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Public Health Work.

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New York.



(NEWS photo)

**SERVICE GROWS.**—Henry Street settlement reports 51,126 patients have been attended by its nurses, including those at new colored clinic.

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North Carolina.

Public Health Work

Ashboro, N.C.  
Courier

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Health Worker for Negroes

A colored woman health worker, Florence C. Williams, of Raleigh, has been employed by the North Carolina Sanatorium and the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association to do tuberculosis educational work among the colored people in North Carolina. Mrs. Williams has done this kind of work in the south for several years. This summer she will teach hygiene and tuberculosis treatment and prevention among the colored teachers' institutes in the various counties of the State.

Good Record of the Colored Nurses.

To the Editor of The Observer

Please allow us space in your paper to tell of the work we are doing for the uplift and betterment of suffering humanity.

The colored graduate nurses organized a club known as the Florence Nightingale, April 23, 1923. Composed of 14 members. Meetings held first Monday in each month; dues 50 cents monthly. Our object is community work. Since that time we have done much toward that effect.

In July we gave a party on the lawn of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, at that time clearing \$8.55.

Beginning in October, 1923, we were responsible for an underweight child's diet for seven months in the Myers Street graded school.

Christmas 1924 we gave to the Associated Charities one dozen sheets and pillow cases.

On New Year's Day we prepared baskets and carried them to the Old Folks Home.

March we gave a social at which time we cleared \$105.

May we entertained the State Nurses Association.

November we donated to the Red Cross a sum of money and were responsible for the removal of two school children's tonsils in Good Samaritan Hospital.

This past Christmas we again gave to the Associated Charities one dozen sheets, pillow cases and gowns. We are now planning to furnish a private room in Good Samaritan Hospital.

Blanch Hayes, president; Elizabeth Brown, vice president; Eunice Douglas, secretary; Maggie Gabriel, assistant secretary; Birdie Beatty, treasurer; Annice Mae Wheeler, reporter.  
Charlotte, Jan. 30.



# Race Nurses In Southern Hospital, Insulted, Leave Matter Not Investigated

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Apr. 16.—In all probability Winston-Salem will soon make plans for the building of a colored hospital because of the inhuman treatment accorded the colored nurses by Miss Huett, white, successor to Miss Chapman as head nurse of the Twin City Memorial Hospital, which cares for both white and colored patients. It is rumored that Miss Huett boasted that she was going to make trouble for the colored nurses, and it seems that she has made good her boast. For a while all sorts of insults were endured. It is alleged that the nurses were refused admittance to view operations, refused telephone service, and were constantly ordered in a boisterous and sometimes vulgar language to do little things, until it would be inhuman for them to suffer more.

With the coming of Miss Huett and her insulting reign, the majority of the colored nurses have left the hospital. Mrs. Nettie McCollum, R. N., and Miss Creole Gaines of the Diet Department are the only ones who remained. Miss Gaines did leave the hospital when she was asked by the superintendent, Dr. Whittington, when she was going and was informed that he did not care how soon she left, but she later returned, pleading that she was the sole support of her mother.

Although Miss Huett's insults were the immediate cause of the nurses leaving, it has been common gossip that the hospital was not large enough for both white and colored nurses. These rumors have been denied, yet notwithstanding the denials, it has been asserted that a prominent lawyer has been to Raleigh to have the law revoked so that white nurses only will be employed, using as his argument that two-thirds of the colored patients were on charity, while the white patients usually paid and were often accompanied by their own nurses, therefore if the white nurses were to get any experience or practice at all they would have to get it on the colored patients.

When Miss Teers, the head colored nurse, left the hospital Dr. Whittington, the superintendent, said he had no complaint and that they just left and that the quicker

they left the better. As far as is known, he has taken no steps to have the matter investigated.

The most disgusting things about the nurses' departure was the mocking they received from the colored help in the laundry as they left the building.

The Winston race people arose in a dignified manner and commended the nurses for their stand. Dr. Hall and Dr. Bruce led a protest meeting which was held at the St. Paul M. E. Church Thursday night.

A request has been sent to the city for the refund of a sum of money which the colored people gave to the hospital so that the same may be used as an installment on a hospital for the colored people, and by the colored people.

So all in all, Winston race people are just about to have a hospital of their own, where colored doctors can operate, where colored nurses can view operations, and where patients of the race will not be used as experiments.



# STATE ASSOCIATION GRADUATE NURSES IN TENTH MEETING

Meeting Featured By Address,  
Discussions, Papers And  
Talks On Various Phases of  
Health.

Roanoke, Va.—The Virginia State Association of Colored Graduate Nurses held its tenth annual convention at the St. Paul M. E. Church, June 16-18. The session was a grand success from beginning to end, noting great improvement along all lines of business, educational and social affairs. The program was carried out to the fullest detail. Those taking part showed marked ability in performing the task assigned them. Mrs. M. B. Lee, R. N., wife of Rev. T. D. Lee, of Norfolk Va., represented the association at the public health meeting held at the First Baptist Church, Rev. A. L. James, pastor. Her address was a masterpiece, subject: "The Negro Woman."

The welcome address on behalf of the local nurses association was delivered by Miss Daisy E. Schley, R. N., which was responded to on behalf of Virginia Association by Mrs. Lula V. Foster, R. N., Norfolk. Following these addresses the round table, "Public Health" was led by Elizabeth Clark, R. N., Norfolk, and discussion was had by Carrie M. Sharp, R. N.; Annie L. Matthews, R. N. Miss Martha Michael, R. N., instructor Visiting Nurses Association made remarks.

In the afternoon "The Nurses' Part in the Formation and Conduction of Hospitals in Our Group," was discussed by L. G. Smith, R. N., and T. A. Kirk, M. D., Shenandoah Hospital.

Wednesday afternoon the public program consisted of a solo by Miss Christine Williams; talk, "Womanhood and Character," by Miss F. L. Blackshear, secretary Phyllis Wheatley Branch Y. W. C. A.; instrumental selection, Mrs. Nellie Oliver; talk, "Christlikeness of Service", Mrs. R. J. Roop, member of Inter-Racial Committee and remarks by Miss Thacker, R. N.,

superintendent Lewis Gale Hospital.

The Roanoke committee spared no pains or means in the entertainment of the Association, for truly they went over the top and the body expressed a willingness to accept an invitation for a return trip in the near future.

The breakfast dance given at the Springwood Park was a decided new feature put on by the splendid committee of nurses and was much enjoyed by all the nurses and the invited physicians who attended. The introductory reception given at the palatial home of Dr. and Mrs. Claytor broke the record. It is a great inspiration to visit a home like the Claytor's. The card party given for the visiting ladies was unique and enjoyed by all who attended. The outing to Natural Bridge was an education within itself and greatly enjoyed by all, being motored there, the distance of 25 miles, in Packards, Buicks, Maxwells and other cars of equal reputation. The final reception could not be surpassed.

The newly elected officers are: Mrs. Gussie Thornton, Richmond, president; vice president, Mrs. Pauline Evans, Norfolk; recording secretary, Mrs. Dasie Green, Charlottesville; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Daisey E. Schley, Roanoke; and treasurer, Miss Carrie Sharp, Petersburg. The officers were installed by Rev. M. M. Jefferson, pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church. The next session will be held at Richmond, Va., June, 1926.

Mrs. Lulu Foster and Mrs. M. B. Lee, of Norfolk, Va., were the guests of Mrs. Daisy E. Schley, 203 Gilmer avenue, N. W., during the Nurses Association. Mrs. Lee remained a few days and was the recipient of many social courtesies. On Sunday morning, Mrs. Lee gave a most timely address to the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, Rev. A. L. James, pastor. On Sunday evening, she rendered a beautiful select reading at the Fifth avenue Presbyterian Church, Rev. L. L. Downing, pastor.

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Public Health Work.

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## Weekly Conferences Of Mothers With Health Service Nurses To Be Held

Coordinated public health nursing service being organized by the city department of public welfare will go into active operation this week. Special efforts will be made during the summer months to promote health measures for babies and thus reduce the high infant mortality rate in Knoxville.

Well baby stations have been established in eight places throughout the city and beginning Monday daily clinics will be held under the direction of a trained nurse and a physician for each station. Five of the stations will be conducted for white babies and mothers and three for colored. Stations are equipped with ~~tables~~ scales and other facilities necessary to their successful operation.

At these stations it is expected that mothers will assemble for weekly conferences and discussions with trained nurses and physicians, with the primary aim of preventing the spread of disease among children and checking disease in its incipency.

Well Baby Stations have been established at the following places: Wesley House, Rogers Memorial Baptist Church, colored; Gray Stone Presbyterian Church, South Knoxville; Gillespie Avenue Baptist Church; Tabernacle; Colored Y. W. C. A.; Dale Avenue Settlement House; Lonsdale Baptist Church. These stations will be maintained with the primary object in mind of doing educational and preventive work with mothers and infants. The following schedule will obtain for these stations:

Monday—2 to 4 P.M.—Wesley House  
Rogers Memorial Baptist Church  
(colored)

Tuesday—2 to 4 P. M. Gray Stone  
Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday—2 to 4 P. M.—Gillespie  
Avenue Baptist Church.

Thursday—2 to 4 P. M.—Tabernacle,  
Colored Y. W. C. A.

Friday—2 to 4 P. M.—Dale Avenue  
Settlement House  
Lonsdale Baptist Church.

Dr. W. R. Cross will work in connection with the stations for white children and Dr. M. L. Boyd will have charge of the colored stations.

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See Also: Social Conditions, Improvement of.  
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